Proposals of Andhra Pradesh for new railway lines

3499. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposals from Andhra Pradesh Government for new lines *i.e.* Nadikudi-Srikalahasthi, Erraguntla-Nandyal, Manuguru-Ramagundam, Kambam-Proddutur, Vijayvada-Machlipatnam (*via* Gudivada), Bhadrachalam-Kovvuru, Mantralayam-Srisailam-Macherla and Kurnool, Hyderabad (Inter city);

(b) if so, the present status of these proposals; and

(c) what is the reason for the delay in sanctioning these lines when the Andhra Pradesh Government has agreed to contribute 50 per cent of the cost for any railway line started in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present status of the new railway lines proposals are as under:—

New Railway lines	Present Status
Nadikudi-Srikalahasti	Survey completed.
Nandyal-Yerraguntla	670 hectare out of 680 hectare land has been acquired and earthwork, bridge work, ballast collection has been taken up. Yerraguntla to Nossam is targeted for completion during 2008-09.
Munuguru-Ramagundam	Survey in progress
Kambam-Proddatur	Survey in progress
Vijayawada-Machlipatnam	Survey completed
Bhadrachalam-Kovvur	Survey completed
Mantralayam-Srisailam Macherla	No survey has been taken up for the proposed new line.
Kurnool-Hyderabad (Inter-city)	There is already an existing line between Kurnool and Hyderabad and also inter-city train *viz.* 7607/7608 Secunderabad-Kurnool Town Tungabhadra Express available.

(c) There is no such commitment from State Government of Andhra Pradesh to share 50% cost of new line project for all the above mentioned proposals. However, State Government has agreed to share 50% cost of Munuguru-Ramagundam rail line only. Sharing has also been agreed for Bhadrachalam-Kovvur, Nadikudi-Srikalahasti new broad gauge rail line but per cent share has not been mentioned. Further decision will be taken based on finalization of survey reports in consultation with Zonal Railway.